Celebrating The Life of

Sunrise:
June 13, 1936

Sunset:
January 16, 2019

Mary M. Collier

Service Held
Monday, January 28, 2019
11:00 a.m.
Glad Tidings Church of God in Christ
970 Glad Tidings Way - Hayward CA

Bishop J.W. Macklin, Pastor

Bishop Johnathan Logan, Officiating

Remembering
Mother Mary M. Collier

Prayer Warrior | Intercessor | Encourager

Mary Magdalene Collier was born to the late Pastor Frank and Beulah Ezell in Birmingham, Alabama being the second of seven children. Under her parent's spiritual tutelage, she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ at a young age and excitedly began her Christian walk with the Lord.

Mother Collier later moved to California, residing in both Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay Area. She became a member of Mt. Olive COGIC and received the Holy Ghost in 1958, under the leadership of the late Bishop E.B. Stewart. With a strong family anchor, she was greatly influenced by the Kingdom work of family members who gave her the legacy of being the 3rd generation to serve in the Church of God in Christ. As a result, she excellently offered her talents and anointing to a broad spectrum of ministerial roles on the local, district, state and national level.

Over the years, she served in the capacity of leading the Women's Ministry, Minister of Music, State Choir Directress, YWCC President, Usher & Deaconess President, Sunday School Teacher and Superintendent. She also served as the State Evangelist Elect Lady for the Nor Cal Metropolitan Jurisdiction under the leadership of Bishop J.W. Macklin and as the District Missionary of the San Francisco District with the late Superintendent F.W. Cotton. Nationally, she worked with the United National Auxiliaries Convention (UNAC) and served as Vice President of Hospitality for the C.H. Mason System of Bible College.

Professionally, Mother Collier worked as a skillful Cosmetologist, an Assistant Administrator in the public-school system, and held the position of Leading Supervisor in the college district. She was also known for her entrepreneurial efforts as the Owner of Ezell Knits. Her creativity and attention to detail in designing beautiful, one of a kind knit dresses contributed to the smiles of women across the country. Her dresses are a staple of class and uniqueness that will never be duplicated or forgotten.

Above all, Mother Collier loved the Lord with all of her heart and desired to hear Him say, "Well done thy good and faithful servant". She was a student of God's Word and loved to quote Galatians 6:9, "...be not weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not". Mother Collier lived so that God would be glorified in the demonstration of her kind acts and spiritual fortitude. She undoubtedly touched the lives of many through her shining example of dedication and commitment. Her melodic voice lifted the downtrodden; her biblical teachings provided guidance to those who were lost; her hugs encouraged those in despair; her advice gave wise counsel to the misguided, and her prayers will continue to be the sustaining source for her family and those blessed by her life.

On January 16, 2019 surrounded by loved ones, Mother Mary M. Collier entered her heavenly assignment, where she now experiences enduring peace and everlasting joy.

Mother Collier is preceded in death by her parents Frank and Beulah Ezell; sisters Oradell Ezell and Arbra Ann Ezell; brother-n-law Terry Steele and sister-n-law Erika Ezell.

She will be fondly missed by her dear children, Wayne Hodge (Lynda), Milford Hodge (Diane), Robert Collier Jr., Kristna McMillon (Ken) and Brian Collier; beloved grandchildren Stephen Hodge (Danielle), Michael Hodge, Tiffany Collier, Tyreke Collier, Tiara Collier, Timmeya Russell, Alexis Russell, Blake McMillon, Briana Collier, Whitney Hodge, Danielle Hodge, Ryan Hodge, Jaron Hodge; her loving sister Zenora Steele; brothers Frank Ezell, Manual Ezell and William Ezell (Marilyn); Nieces Dorliess Steele, Sandra Ross and Marche Ezell; Nephews Terry A. Steele, Myron Steele, Randal Ezell, David Ross, Thomas Ross, Anthony Ross; 7 great grand children, many more relatives and friends. Mother Collier loved and was loved by many. She will be forever missed but never forgotten.

Order of Service

Viewing: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Officiating
Bishop Johnathan Logan
Prelate, Northern California Jurisdiction

Clergy/Family Processional .....Mary M. Collier Memorial Choir *(Total Praise)*

Scripture
(Old Testament) Pastor Jerald K. Simpkins
(New Testament) Pastor Ron Thompson

Invocation .....Pastor Brondon Reems
Celebration of Praise .....Pastor Albert Macklin and Missionary Melissa Macklin-Billingsley
Remembering Mary/Expressions from Friends
Missionary Eardell Dennis
Elder Earl Young (nephew of Mother Emma Renn-Person)
Mother Jimmie Swindell

Family Tribute
Musical Selection .....Mary M. Collier Memorial Choir *(I've Got A Reason To Praise the Lord)*

Reflections
Hamilton Memorial, Elder Charles Bryant
New Sweet Home, Mother Juanita Wilson
Dancey Memorial, Missionary Joetta Nobles
Center of Hope, Mother Stanburry
Glad Tidings, Deaconess Chelece Williams
Nor Cal Metropolitan, Supervisor Gloria Hunt

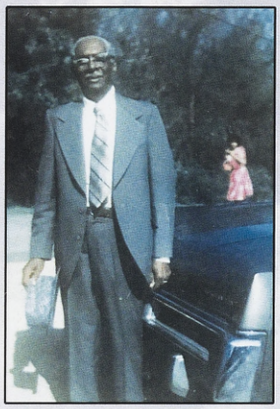
Cards and Acknowledgements.....Missionary Sherrye Dancey
Resolutions .....Missionary Gerri Rogers
Remembering Mother Mary M. Collier .....Video Presentation
Musical Selection .....Mary M. Collier Memorial Choir *(I Can Go To God In Prayer)*
Expressions from Clergy .....Pastor Joe Nobles
Sermonic Selection .....Sis. Shamaya Shawante

Eulogy
Bishop J.W. Macklin
2nd Asst Presiding Bishop Church of God in Christ
Parting View/Recessional

Interment
Chapel of the Chimes
32992 Mission Blvd - Hayward, CA

Repast
Glad Tidings COGIC

School Days
1947-48



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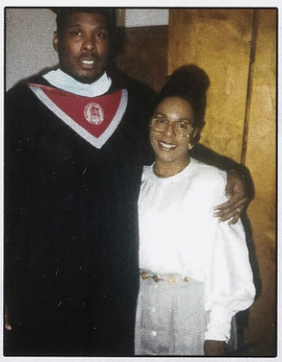

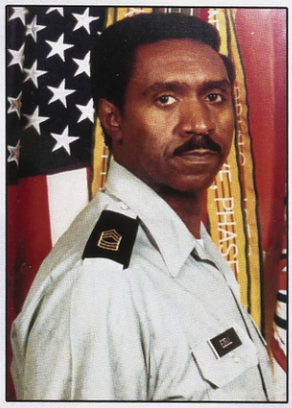

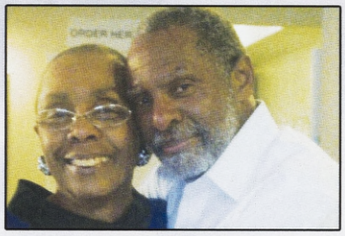

Mom

For every stage of my life, you were there. For the accomplishments and heartbreaks, you were there. You helped me with every child from the hospital to the special events. You were there for school plays, recitals and graduations. You made my prom dress, my wedding dress and many dresses in between with love, style and class. We enjoyed shopping together and later cooking. Of course I could never make my food taste quite like yours, but I'm getting there. We were together for almost every Thanksgiving, Christmas, holiday and birthday celebration dinner, usually giving me instructions. You told me who my true friends were and alerted me to those that needed a watchful eye. You were a true example of a gifted, anointed, classy, stylish and beautiful woman.

When I was younger, I didn't understand the importance and true meaning behind the prayers that I often heard coming from your bedroom. I completely understand now. You taught me how to have a relationship with God by your example. For that I am forever grateful. It will be my relationship with Him that heals my brokenness. I know that you are at peace, but you will be forever missed. Thank you for your example, your love and for introducing me to my savior, healer and comforter, Jesus. Because of you, I know Him for myself and will one day see you again. I love you mom.

Your Daughter, Krissy

To My Grams

There will never be a day that passes where I don't think about you. Although we are taught that there is a beginning and end to the lives we live, I thought that I would have you in mine forever. I am thankful and blessed that you were apart of my life, but I am heartbroken. You had sparkle, you were creative, and grandma, you had style! You are irreplaceable and a true gem.

Love Always, Your Mena (Meya)

Sister To Sister

We have shared memories; some happy filled with laughter, painful, brokenhearted and unanswered questions. However, the most important and fond memory is our upbringing. Our home was filled with love with two Godly parents who loved the Lord, each other and their children. The two of us were very close and the older we became the more we looked alike. As the years went by, we were blessed with sisterly adoration for each other. We sang acapella together alongside our two other sisters Oradell and Ann and we were known as the Ezell Sisters. We were given a 30-minute broadcast on Sunday mornings and we enjoyed every minute of it. Some memories will never be forgotten and your self-taught talents of being a hair stylist and your amazing gift of knitting designer suits guided you to becoming a fashion entrepreneur. Mary I am glad you are my sister, my friend, a daughter who honored her heritage, a woman who stood up for Christian Leadership, and mother who taught the future with love. There's no one I'd rather have traveled everywhere with, traded my clothes with or practiced my hair styles with. There's is no one I'd rather have griped about school with or tried to act cool with. There's no one in all the whole universe who I'd rather have had for my sister than you.

Love you always, Nora

Isaiah 61

God will comfort all that mourn; to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

Active Pallbearers

Stephen Hodge
Michael Hodge
Tyreke Collier
Deacon Antonio Bond
Deacon Larry Harris
Deacon Larry Moody
Deacon F.M. Brinkley

Honorary Pallbearers

Wayne Hodge
Milford Hodge
Robert Collier Jr.
Terry A. Steele
William Ezell
Manual Ezell
Frank Ezell
Brian Collier

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The Collier Family

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